



## **Saint Aloysius Catholic Church**

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### **HOLY DAYS**

Please check Parish Bulletin

### **FUNERALS**

In order to secure the services of a priest or the use of the Church, it is necessary to contact the Church Office *before* making arrangements with a funeral home. Father Reju is ready to help with funerals.

### **WEEKEND EUCHARIST**

Saturday 4:30 p.m.; 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

### **WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**

Monday No Mass

Tuesday through Friday 8:30 a.m.

### **SUNDAY BULLETIN**

Deadline for new items Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

### **SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

(or before and after daily Mass except Sunday)

### **SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK**

The Church recommends this sacrament to all who are seriously ill or in danger of death. Please call the Church Office.

### **SACRAMENT of BAPTISM**

Please contact Stephanie Gerson in the Church Office for Baptismal Preparation.

### **SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE**

Couples planning marriage must meet with Father Reju at least six months before your proposed date. Weddings will not be performed after 2:00 p.m. or before 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: JOHN 2:1-11

### ❖ DEFICIENCIES ARE TURNED

### INTO EFFICIENCIES ❖

■ The mother of Jesus appears in John's Gospel only twice: scene of marriage at Cana and under the cross. Both these places she is addressed as "the mother of Jesus" and John never uses her name.

■ Now let us try to see the text word by word.

- Verse 1, "On the third day." Day is a measurement of time. The number '3' signifies perfection/completeness, etc. So the phrase "on the third day," denotes the completion of time for Jesus to reveal His Divine Nature.

John underlines the fact that 'the mother of Jesus was there.' Marriage is an important aspect of family life. Here it takes place in a house. So in order to have a successful family life we should always keep the mother of Jesus at the center of our family. In prayer we should keep her tight.

- Verse 3, "They have no wine." Mother of Jesus is pleading to Him for that family. Mary is the very first Christian. Her example is that of "interceding" for others. As Christians, we should be praying for others more than for our own needs. Christian is an attorney for the other in need.

It also teaches us that if Mary is there in our family/daily life situations, then she will safeguard us from shame/tragedies.

In Genesis 4:9, Cain is asking God, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Here Mary says, "Yes you are!" As Christians we should keep our brothers and sisters sound and safe. Should reach to them in their needs and always be praying for those who are in need.

- Verse 5, "Do whatever He tells you." Whatever Jesus had told is the Word of God—the Bible. If you wish God to support you or involve in your crisis, then the way to it is to

follow/obey the Word of God. Practicing the Bible will make sure of God's protection to you.

- Verse 6, there were six jars which were 'empty.' This is a scene of shame/end of good times for that family. That is their 'emptiness.' But it's numbered 6, signifying imperfection/incompleteness of suffering/shame/misfortune. It means that tears have a very short life. Don't ever lose hope at the face of tragedies/failures.
- Verse 7, "Fill the jars with water." Wherever there is emptiness or problems in your life, Jesus' remedy is so simple, just fill it up with 'water.' You have to fill in the deficiencies of your partner. You are not supposed to argue nor to divorce. Steps to resolve should come from you. It could be as simple as filling the jars with water. The result is marvelous.
- Verse 10, if you change the terms it could be, the world serves good wine first and then an inferior one...its treachery. The world will attract you in all levels but later on it will throw you into hell. Whereas the happiness the Word of God gives you is eternal. It is the Way of the Cross that leads you to heaven. If you enjoy following/doing the Word of God here on earth, it will take you to heaven, to eternal bliss.
- Verse 11, "His disciples began to believe in Him." After the miracle the disciples began to believe, whereas Mother believed in Jesus even before any miracle! And her faith exhibits absolute confidence in her son. She is more than 100% sure of His power and Divine Sonship, that's why without any doubt she says, "Do whatever He tells you." As Christians she is our perfect model and example. Follow her steps. Have absolute faith in God. Keep her always in your life. May God guide you through the light of the Word of God. Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**January 15 – 23**

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.)..... Ginger Russo Mosley  
Sunday (8:30 a.m.)..... Virginia Taylor  
Sunday (11:00 a.m.)..... Saint Aloysius Parishioners  
Monday.....No Mass  
Tuesday.....Charles Tortorice  
Wednesday..... † Barbara Bridges  
Thursday..... † Jesse Squires  
Friday..... Fr. Gerald Holloway  
Saturday (4:30 p.m.)..... † Sherman & Martha Venz  
Sunday (8:30 a.m.)..... † Michael “Mack” Zito  
Sunday (11:00 a.m.)..... Saint Aloysius Parishioners

**FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK**

*January 17:* Saint Anthony, Abbot  
*January 20:* Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr  
*January 21:* Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

**SECOND COLLECTION**

The second collection this weekend is the monthly Parish School of Religion collection. Funds from this collection will take care of costs associated with Faith Formation classes in addition to ensuring our former school buildings are maintained for future use.

**FAITH FORMATION / SACRAMENTAL PREP.**

Faith Formation Classes, for students in grades 1-8 who are attending schools other than Catholic schools, are on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. in the School. Sacramental Prep. Classes for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will also be held during this time.

**CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED**

The Church Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of Dr. King’s Birthday.

**CALENDAR DEADLINE**

The deadline for submitting information in the February calendar is Tuesday, January 25.

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**

January 23 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30  
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$5,751.50	\$2,834.00	\$13,196.75
Building Fund	\$ 355.00	\$ 338.00	\$ 1,510.50
Envelope Mail.	\$ 448.50	\$ 25.00	

**SAINT ALOYSIUS MUSIC: A FEW NOTES**

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Masses will be spoken Masses for the time being. Please follow along in the missalette for the Mass of Renewal in order to read aloud the Kyrie; Gloria; Holy, Holy; The Mystery of Faith; The Great Amen; and the Lamb of God. Due to our shortage of cantors at present, this seems a practical solution. As we continue to progress toward more normalcy, our hope is we will have additional cantors and choir members. Many thanks to our present cantors who are so diligent and generous. Please consider joining in music: choir, cantor or accompanist.

**E-MAIL PRAYER REQUESTS**

Prayer is powerful and we need all the prayer warriors that we can get. Sheila Zito e-mails prayer requests for the parish, Mother of Christ Altar Guild, and the Choir. If any parishioner has a prayer request or wishes to be notified of other people’s requests, contact Sheila at [fsz321@bellsouth.net](mailto:fsz321@bellsouth.net).

**CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Saint Aloysius Parish offers boxed children's offertory envelopes for those families who wish them. They are available after the weekend Masses in the Ministries Office or during the week in the Church Office. Please sign the list by the number of the box that you receive so we can properly credit the children who contribute.

**PARISH WEBSITE**

The weekly bulletin, monthly calendar, Online Giving link, religious education information, etc. are accessible on our parish website at [www.staloysiuscc.org](http://www.staloysiuscc.org). Scan from your smart phone for our Online Giving link:



You can also give via Text Message to 205-708-0221.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN**

**Recently Discharged From Hospital**

**Sick and Shut-in**

This list is intended for **homebound** members of Saint Aloysius Parish. Those from our parish recently discharged from the hospital will be listed for two weeks. Individuals outside our parish community may be placed on this list for a two-week period only. All the sick are remembered weekly in our **General Intercessions.**

Mary Adams Eddie & Penny Allison	Jim & Nancy Franklin Rev. Len Gavin	Debbie Rupert MaryAnna Schilleci Stanley Szafransky
JoAnne Antonio Myra Antonio Ann Baker	Ronnie George John V. Jones, Jr. Meredith Jones	Steve Tate Powell Thompson Irene Tutten
George Bratton Kathy Evans	Ginger Russo Mosley	Rose Wilson Marilyn West

**Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living**

<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u> Rudy Cooper Jean Sullivan	<u>Plantation Manor</u> Claudia Charme
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*If you are or you know of someone on the shut-in list who's well enough to be removed from this list, please call the Church Office.*

**NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS**

If any parishioner knows of a nursing home or assisted living resident who is Catholic and is not on the above list, please call the Church Office.

**VISITING HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, AND HOMES**

Father Reju would be happy to visit the sick in hospitals and nursing homes if the person or family requests a visit. Father will also visit parishioners in their home with communion or hear confessions. Call the Church Office to schedule an appointment.

**SICK, SHUT-IN, AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

If a lay minister is not visiting you on a regular basis, please call the Church Office so we can make the proper arrangements.

**SAINT ALOYSIUS PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

As Catholic Christians and members of the Parish Family of Saint Aloysius Catholic Church, we are committed:

- To provide all our members (adults and youth) opportunities for spiritual development through worship, prayer, religious education and social interaction.
- To spread the Word of God and support our Parish Family with the gifts He has given us by using our time, talent, and treasure to His glory.
- To strive continually to witness our faith as we journey toward the future that God has promised those who accept His Word.
- To reach out to the larger community of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and the world.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Randy Clowdus, Chairperson  
Eddie Blanco, Vice Chairperson  
Felicia Boyd, Secretary  
Micha McMeans  
Phillip Galloway  
Patricia Rector  
Vickie Gavin  
Chris Waits

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Jim Keyes, Chairperson  
Mike Snelling, Vice Chairperson  
Sharon Weathers, Secretary

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING**

The **Holy Family Altar Guild** will meet on Wednesday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Heather Lawley at 205-410-3759 or Beth Russo at 205-790-2075.

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS**

Adult Education Class is held on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. This class is for anyone who wants to more fully understand the Catholic Church and its teachings. For more information, please contact Father Reju in the Church Office.

**INDIAN/ORIENTAL MASS**

**NOTE CHANGE:** The Indian/Oriental Mass that Father Reju celebrates at our parish has been rescheduled to Saturday, January 22 at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend to see what an Indian Mass is like!

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome to pray before Mass begins. Confessions can also be heard during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or after daily Mass. No confessions will be heard on Sundays.

**FIRE OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP**

The Lord has blessed each of us abundantly by giving us the gift of His Holy Spirit. Come learn how He desires to work in your life every day. Our Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group meets every Thursday of the month (except second Thursday) in the Church at 7:00 p.m. Come join us in prayer and worship and release your gifts of the Holy Spirit! All are welcome. For more information, please contact Kathy Tortorice at 205-531-0930 or [kathytortorice@gmail.com](mailto:kathytortorice@gmail.com).

**NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED**

Please do not bring food or drinks of any kind into the sanctuary. Dropped crackers, chips, cereal, chewing gum, and stains on the carpet from drinks have occurred. And make sure to not leave your face mask in the pews. Do your best to respect God’s House by keeping it clean. Everyone thanks you!!

**LADIES ROSARY GROUP**

A group for ladies of the parish meets on Thursdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Day Chapel to pray the Rosary.



*Pray More Rosaries*

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for our military that have been deployed around the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

U.S. Intelligence

Daniel Thomas

Army

Joseph R. Chiarella

Zach Edmonds

Blake Seidel

Air Force

Daniel K. Hicks

Shea Hicks

James McKinney

Lance Rosser

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to [staloysius@bellsouth.net](mailto:staloysius@bellsouth.net) with the names of people and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Joe and Sherry Ciza**, who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary on January 22.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

- January 16. ....Trevor Marshall, Nicolas Gonzalez, ..... Carlie Dempsey, Tera Williams
- January 17. .... Trey Farr, Olivia Wesson
- January 18. ....Addison Smith
- January 19. ....Emilio Medina, Maria Vasquez
- January 20. ....Rebecca Langley
- January 21. ....Pam Little
- January 22. .... Susan Blake, Zack Hurst, Mike Wesson, ..... Airi Arellano, Susan Frost, Thomas Smith



*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday*  
*January 17*